

WEATHER REPORT
FORECAST—Oklahoma: Tuesday fair, warmer; Wednesday fair, warmer; Thursday fair, warmer; Friday fair, warmer; Saturday fair, warmer; Sunday fair, warmer.
Tulsa, Feb. 28.—The temperature: Maximum 52, minimum 29. North winds, cloudy. Precipitation .49.

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PROSPERITY TALK
Governor Williams defends his special session of the legislature by saying that the tax on oil will nearly operate the state government. It has to be done this side of the state has the money!

VERDUN BATTLE WITH THE TIDE ABOUT NEUTRAL

Both French and Germans Make Claims of Small Successes.

KAISER FINDS FORT DOUAUMONT IN RUINS

Teutons Spring Surprise in Champagne District; Capture 10,000 Men.

THE tide of battle around Verdun apparently has not turned in favor of either side. While the Germans claim further advances the French are equally emphatic in their assertion that they checked the attacks of the masses of German infantry sent against them.

Fort Douaumont has fallen to the Germans but it is reported to be in ruins. Around this position the most desperate fighting of the battle has been going on since Friday. Here French counter-attacks were delivered with such crushing force that some of the German detachments were driven back and one regiment is almost encircled. To the west of this fort in a hand to hand encounter the French have ejected the Germans from a small redoubt which they had captured.

Throughout the entire sector of Verdun except on the western bank of the Meuse river, where the German bombardment has slackened somewhat, the artillery duels are still of vast proportions. To the southeast the French at Fresnes, in the Waivre region, have put down two German attacks against that town, but the Germans have inaugurated an important movement in the Champagne district, where by a surprise attack they succeeded in entering French advance positions of a supporting trench over a front of nearly a mile, capturing more than a thousand men.

Germans Gain Steadily

Notwithstanding the fresh reserves the French have thrown into the fray at Fort Douaumont, the German office declares that their efforts have been fruitless and that the Germans have advanced their lines toward Bras and Vacheriauville. It also is claimed that the Germans have entirely expelled the French from the Meuse peninsula southward from Samogneux and west of Vacheriauville.

On the Russian front around Friedland and Ilioukht there have been heavy artillery, machine gun and rifle duels. In Galicia the Russians repulsed an attempt by the Austro-Hungarians to capture trenches on the middle Stripa river.

The Austrians, according to Vienna, have put down with sanguinary losses an Italian attack against positions on both sides of Monte San Michele and east of Azzo and also destroyed an Italian trench on the Gorizia bridgehead.

The Russians are still operating successfully against the Turks who fled from Erzerum and the Ottoman forces in the Persian battle zone. Further south in Mesopotamia a British command by the British of the Tigris river resulted in heavy casualties to the Turks.

Tribesmen Leader Killed.

Further details of the fighting between the British and tribesmen of Egypt show that the leader of the tribesmen, Nuri Bey, a brother of the Egyptian minister, was killed and his principal subordinate wounded and that the tribesmen left large numbers of dead and wounded on the field as their main force fled.

The Italian hospital ship *Marachino* has been sunk in the Adriatic sea off the coast of Albania. It is believed the vessel struck an Austrian mine. While the extent of the casualties has not become known, it is reported that there are numerous.

The German ambassador at Washington has officially informed Secretary Lansing that the assurances given in the Lusitania case with respect to submarine warfare have not been modified by the recent German memorandum respecting that government's intention to treat armed merchantment as warships beginning March 1.

Art and Charity as One to Members of Unique Art Colony in the Catskills



MRS. DEWING WOODWARD. (KIRK HILL STUDIO.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Up in Shady, a tiny village well hidden in the Catskill mountains, six miles from a railroad, where communication is maintained with the rest of the world by means of a stage coach, little children from the east side acted as living models for a group of painters of the Blue Dome frat all last summer. The youngsters were far and happy under the excellent care given them by the artists, and paintings by Miss Dewing Woodward, now on exhibition, show what really beautiful little models these east side babies made.

The intention of the fraternity which Miss Woodward leads, is to afford an opportunity for art workers to solve their own problems. The models and the model with his own personal vision and endeavor to develop the personal equation. Artists realize that a group can do what one cannot and that is where the fraternal idea comes in, and the unusual advantage of being able to paint the nude in the open air meets with the approval of a number of well-known artists who have already signified their intention of working with the "Frat" this summer.

HENRY JAMES DIES AS AN ENGLISHMAN

Noted Author Succumbs Year After Surrendering U. S. Citizenship.

AUTHOR OF 100 BOOKS LEAP YEAR WEDDING

Deep Writer Disregarded "Standard Principles" in His Works.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—(10:45 p. m.)—Henry James, the novelist, died today.

Henry James was born an American, but died a British subject. In July, 1915, he took the oath of allegiance to the crown, explaining that he had lived and worked in England for forty years and had developed such an attachment for the country and sympathy with its people that he desired to throw his moral weight and personal allegiance into the British cause in the European war.

The distinguished novelist, critic and playwright was born in New York, April 15, 1843. His father, Henry James, sr., was noted as a writer on ethics and religion; and his younger brother, William, was later to become distinguished as a psychologist. The family was possessed of an ample fortune, the foundation of which was laid by the novelist's grandfather, of Scotch-Irish descent, who migrated from Ulster soon after the revolutionary war and became a successful merchant at Albany, N. Y.

The education of the future novelist was altogether out of the ordinary. One of its early features included a course at a small institution.

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YOUTHFUL BRIDE IS A MURDERESS?

FORT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 28.—No action was taken by county authorities today in the prosecution of Mrs. Katherine Harrison, 15-year-old bride of Charles Harrison. Mrs. Harrison Saturday confessed having slain W. L. Warren, a hotel proprietor. She and her husband are charged with the murder.

The arrant county grand jury resumed session this morning and County Attorney Spoons announced he would present the case to their attention Tuesday. The youth of the slayer will not act as a bar to her prosecution, according to the county attorney, denying earlier reports that the case would be dropped.

ENGLAND SOME DAY MAY ATTACK UNITED STATES

Admiral Knight Says Great Britain Is a Possible Enemy.

OUR NAVY ENTIRELY TOO WEAK, HE SAYS

"If Attacked by British We Should Bottle Up Our Fleet."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—New construction for the navy should be limited this year only by the country's facilities to build. Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight, president of the navy war college, told the house naval committee today. If an adequate fleet is to be made ready by 1925, he declared, an immediate inquiry should be made to determine the extent of the facilities and to plan for even greater building programs each year until the United States navy is the strongest force afloat.

"It is a big program, of course," said Admiral Knight, "but we have a big country to defend."

Only the limit of construction facilities, the admiral explained, had caused the general board to fix 1925 as the date the American fleet should equal any afloat.

"If we could get it," he said, "I would say we need it now—today, tomorrow."

In reaching his decision, the witness said, the board had before it the specter of a double assault against the United States with enemies in the Atlantic and Pacific to meet at the same time. Questioned by Representative Callaway, he said the fleet proposed would meet any such combination that did not include England, and he thought it unlikely that a combination against the United States, including that country, ever would be formed. Ask if he had any reason to believe there was danger of another combination, the admiral said "yes," and he was not pressed to amplify his statement.

No Match for England.

Representative Butler asked whether the sudden entrance of the United States into the race for naval supremacy would not cause other nations to increase their programs. The admiral thought not, for several years at least, or until the American fleet began to approach the British, for instance, in size.

Asked by Representative Kelley what the present fleet could do in case of an attack, Admiral Knight said: "If we were attacked by the English fleet I think the navy ought to shut itself up in some harbor, but against any other navy we ought to go out and do the best we can." He was not without hopes, he said, that victory might lodge with the smaller fleet of eight. One hundred and fifty people will take part in the program. It is expected that four thousand people will attend and join in the songs of the community sing, which will be printed in the program so that everybody can sing. The strains of the big organ will furnish the accompaniment for the thousands of voices which, joined in concerted harmony, will fill the hall and carry out on the night.

The business men's class of the Y. M. C. A. will illustrate in physical

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ST. LOUIS TO VOTE ON JIM CROW ISSUE

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28.—Two proposed ordinances providing for the segregation of negroes in St. Louis will be submitted to the people at the referendum election here tomorrow.

One ordinance prohibits negroes from moving into blocks in which 75 per cent of the families are white. A less stringent ordinance prohibits them from moving into blocks wholly occupied by whites. If both ordinances are adopted the 75 per cent law as the more stringent is called, will prevail.

The ordinances provide similar restrictions against white persons moving into blocks occupied by negroes. A vigorous campaign for and against the ordinance has been carried on for several weeks. The St. Louis real estate exchange is the largest organization that has championed the ordinances.

The Republican city committee has declared against the ordinances.

DYNAMITE EXPLODES AND KILLS THREE

Many Injured in Shock That Wrecks Many Buildings.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28.—Three persons are known to have been killed and many injured, seven of them seriously, when five cases of dynamite stored at Maplewood for sewer construction, exploded late today. Maplewood is a suburb of about five thousand persons adjoining St. Louis on the southwest.

Approximately thirty houses, most of them frame, were demolished by the explosion and many other houses were damaged. Windows were broken in for fifteen blocks.

Early tonight searching parties were exploring the ruins for more bodies which it was feared had been buried in the wreckage.

The identified dead were:

MRS. BESSIE BENNETT of Greenfield, Ill.

MISS EFFIE BARNETT, maid at the home of A. L. Chenery, which was demolished.

MRS. MAGGIE EVAAS.

At an early hour tonight the cause of the explosion was not known. A hole sixty feet in diameter and fifteen feet deep was torn in the ground by the blast which was heard several miles away.

WIDESPREAD GRAFT TO BE UNCOVERED?

Attorney for Mrs. Eaton Says He Will Make Revelations That Will Startle Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Asserting that the Eaton-Rowe graft controversy was a minor event compared to revelations which he would make, Seymour Steadman, attorney for Mrs. Walter Page Eaton, former head of the social welfare department, who has charged she had been compelled to give up part of her salary for the benefit of a member of Mayor William Hale Thompson's family, declared he would bring forth a witness who would reveal extensive salary splitting in the city hall.

Today's hearing of the Eaton-Rowe case itself developed little interest. Charles Fitzmorris, Mayor Thompson's secretary, was the only witness and he testified the mayor had ordered that no campaign contributions be assessed by department heads. Questioned as to whether he had sold Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, head of the public welfare department, to whom Mrs. Eaton declares she paid part of her salary, Mr. Fitzmorris replied he believed he had.

Stephen A. Malato, attorney for Mrs. Rowe, created a mild sensation by refusing to allow his client to submit to a cross-examination for a while. He charged that the graft stories were really aimed at the mayor and suggested that some of his honor's opponents take the stand next. The hearing, which was before the civil service commission was adjourned to Friday.

OSAGES TAKE HAND IN LEASE DISPUTE

Tribe Members to Look After Their Interests in Lands Thy Own.

AGAINST RENEWAL

Fight Probably Will Be Carried to Congress; Scandal May Develop.

(By JOHN W. FLENNER)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—That the Osages themselves, from now on, may be counted upon to take a hand in the controversy as to the renewing of 680,000 acres of land belonging to the tribe after March 16, was made clear today when Franklin Shaw and Clement Lenoxa, mixed-bloods, members of tribal council, who have been designated as spokesmen for the entire council, filed a brief with the senate Indian committee protesting against a renewal of the leases of the Barnsdall oil company, the Gypsy Oil company and Foster and Brennan, advertised for sale by the department, but which under the terms of the Osage resolution would be continued pending further action by congress.

The Osages have also made it clear that they will refuse to execute any gas leases whatsoever, unless favorable action is taken on the proposition submitted by Charles Page of Tulsa to take over 100,000 acres of gas territory upon a 3-cent royalty basis.

The Indians are becoming disgusted with the delays in settling the renewing dispute and now are clamoring for action.

In the brief submitted by the Indians, it is stated:

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BRISTOW TO CLOSE TO WORK ON ROADS

BRISTOW, Okla., Feb. 28.—All the business houses at Bristow will be closed all day Thursday, March 3, in order to give all of their employees an opportunity to work on the road extending into the Bristow oil field, from the town of Bristow, Okla., in section 15-28-8, six miles south of Bristow, is the objective of the road.

There exists some rivalry between Bristow and Dewey in regard to drawing trade from the oil field workers. The principal well is nine miles from Dewey while it is three miles nearer to Bristow.

It is expected that the stretch of road connecting this town with the oil field will be in good shape following the day's work next Thursday.

WIRE YOUR APPROVAL

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The perfected bill amending the presidential primary so as to permit the naming of candidates for the party nomination for president to appear on the ballot, provided their assent is given in writing or by telegraph or cable, was passed in the house today. The bill already has been through the senate and now goes to the governor for approval. The presidential primary in Massachusetts for all parties will be held on April 25.

ABETTING PROGRESS SLOWLY

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Little progress was made today by the soft coal operators and miners of the central competitive fields toward reaching an agreement on basic rates for mine run coal, the companies in western Pennsylvania and Indian holding out for the lower prices. The entire day was taken up with the consideration of the mine run rates.

JOINS ITALIAN STAFF

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Eaton Pietro Arone Valentino, lately first secretary of the Italian embassy in London, has arrived in Washington and joined the staff of the embassy here in a like capacity.

SHIP ROTTEN EGGS AND BE PROSECUTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Eggs not 95 per cent good will be barred from interstate commerce hereafter under a ruling today by the department of agriculture. Shippers packing more than 5 per cent bad eggs will be regarded as violating the food and drug acts by adulteration.

Investigation has shown, the department's announcement says, that through the method of candling shippers may eliminate all but about 5 per cent of bad eggs.

Decomposed eggs to be used for tanning or such purposes, under the department's ruling, must be removed from the shell before shipment to render them incapable of being sold for food.

LORIMER EVIDENCE SOON

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Hearing of testimony in the trial of William Lorimer, charged with conspiracy in connection with a new ad watchdog of the LaSalle Street Trust and Savings bank may begin Wednesday or Thursday.

When court adjourned today until Wednesday morning there were 13 members in the jury box who had been tentatively passed by both sides.

AERIAL LIEUTENANT TO WED.

DENVER, Feb. 28.—Miss Mary Adelaide Devel, daughter of Brigadier General and Mrs. Carol A. Devel of Washington, and Lieut. George H. Brett of the aviation corps of the United States are to be married here Wednesday, it was announced today. Lieutenant Brett is stationed at San Diego, Cal.

DIABLO OFF TO START A NEW REVOLUTION

Mysteriously Disappears Losing Federal Secret Service Agents.

IS GONE TO HAVANA

En Route to State of Oaxaca to Lead Opposition to Carranza.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Felix Diaz, who has been watched for several months by department of justice agents because of suspected activities in violation of American neutrality, apparently has left the United States for Mexico with the intention of launching a new revolution against the Carranza de facto government. Information reaching officials here indicates that he hopes to organize and lead the troops of his native state, Oaxaca, and such other forces in southern Mexico as he can gather about him.

General Diaz left New Orleans Friday for Havana, where several Mexicans, whose names have been associated with the revolution, were understood to be waiting him. Teodoro Derosa, a former governor-general of Vera Cruz, and Gen. Aureliano Blanco, whose name has been associated with the revolution, were reported to be among them.

Although Diaz eluded the federal agents detailed to watch him, department of justice officials said tonight that since no evidence warranting his arrest had been found and as he had left the country, according to reports, as a private citizen of Mexico and not as leader of any organized revolutionary movement, nothing probably could have been done to detain him.

No Evidence Against Him.

General Diaz, a nephew of the former Mexican president of that name, has been absent from Mexico since Huerta, who is helped establish in power, sent him abroad on a diplomatic mission. He has been in the United States and has been suspected of being connected with the revolutionary plot for which Huerta and others were indicted, no direct evidence against him ever developed.

Oaxaca, where Diaz is expected to launch his movement, is the only state that has held aloof during the fighting of the past two years. Led

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P. O. APPROPRIATION PASSES THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Over bitter and persistent opposition the house today passed the annual postoffice appropriation bill with its provisions for substituting a space basis for the present weight system of paying railroads for carrying mails and prohibiting any increase in the existing limit of fifty pounds on parcel post packages. The measure carries appropriations aggregating \$321,600,000 to operate the postal system during the coming year.

The fight against the space payment plan, long advocated by the post-office department and vigorously opposed by the railroads, was led by Representative Cannon of Illinois. He proposed that the matter of rate adjustment be left to the interstate commerce commission was defeated, 75 to 54.

Representative Lewis of Maryland contended for the last for a one hundred pound limit for the parcels post. The bill finally was passed without a record vote. A motion to send it back to the committee was voted down, 174 to 129.

GERMAN NOTE GIVES RELIEF TO WASHINGTON

Assurances Given in Lusitania Case Will Be Carried Out.

BRITISH PLANNING AN OFFENSIVE WAR?

Secretary Lansing to Investigate Teutons' Claim Against Allies.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Germany in a formal note presented by Count von Bernstorff to Secretary Lansing today reiterated assurances regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare given in the Lusitania case; declares those assurances have not been modified by the memorandum setting forth its intention to treat armed merchantment of the entente allies as auxiliary cruisers after midnight tomorrow and attempts to justify the issuance of the memorandum by presenting evidence and reservations designed to prove that the British government has instructed merchantment to use their armament for purposes of attack in violation of assurances given the United States.

Later it was said at the state department that while the United States stood unalterably for the right of a merchant ship to carry arms for defensive purposes, it was not now and never had been contending that Americans could travel with immunity on ships having orders to act offensively. It was indicated that although Secretary Lansing was not prepared at this time to accept as conclusive the allegations of Germany in regard to the confidential instructions claimed to have been given to British sea captains, that if the claims were sustained the fact would have an important bearing upon the future attitude of this government. It is felt in high official quarters here that the question of military and naval consideration in determining the difference between defensive and offensive armament.

BIG SNOW STORM ISOLATES MONKS

GENEVA, Switzerland, Feb. 27.—(11:50 a. m.)—(Via Paris, Feb. 28, 3:15 p. m.)—The monks and travelers are imprisoned on Mount Saint Bernard by 12 feet of snow which is banked up to the low windows of the monastery. So deep is the snow that the famous Saint Bernard dogs are not able to make their way through it. Huge avalanches have interrupted telegraph and telephone communication with the monastery. It has been snowing steadily for eight days and nights and the monks will be isolated for a month. They are plentifully supplied with food.

RAFFI PHILIPPINE BILL

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The Philippine bill providing for the independence of the islands after four years was endorsed at an annual meeting of the Anti-Imperialist league today. A resolution adopted read:

"Resolved, that the Anti-Imperialist league holds with profound satisfaction the passage of the Philippine bill by the senate of the United States, and the house of representatives to concur promptly in passing this wise and patriotic measure."

Florence Storey, the president of the league, and the other officers were re-elected.

HAITIEN TREATY IS PASSED IN SENATE

American Government Affords Protectorate to Island Republic.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The senate late today unanimously ratified the treaty with Haiti under which the United States assumes a protectorate over the turbulent island republic, taking over control of its finances and police, guaranteeing its territorial integrity and undertaking to develop its resources. The treaty already has been approved by the Haitian congress and its terms actually are in operation under the eye of a strong American marine expedition.

This treaty was negotiated last year with the Vichy government, and was set after marines and blackshirts under Rear Admiral Caperton had put down the revolution which overthrew President Vilbrun Guillaume. During the preceding few years Haiti had seen eight presidents deposed and most of them murdered or exiled. Guillaume was dragged from the French legation and killed. The possibility of European intervention to protect foreign lives and property and insure the payment of foreign loans

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